

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to Appeal Brief of 10/29/04.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-21.
3. The drawings filed on 09 October 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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Paper No./Mail Date _____. |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____ | 7. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Amendment/Comment |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |


WAYNE AMSBURY
PRIMARY PATENT EXAMINER

CLAIMS 1-21 ARE PENDING

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

In **claim 10** line 1 "A data signal embodied in a carrier wave" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories storing a data structure~~ is hereby substituted.

In **claim 11** line 1 "A data signal" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted. In line 1 prior to: "further comprising" ~~the data structure~~ is hereby inserted.

In **claim 12** line 1 "A data signal" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted.

In **claim 13** line 1 "A data signal" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted.

In **claim 14** line 1 "A data signal" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted.

In **claim 15** line 1 "A data signal" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted.

In **claim 20** line 1 "A data signal embodied in a carrier wave" is hereby deleted and ~~One or more computer memories~~ is hereby substituted.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Steven D. Lawrenz on 10 March 2005.

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Some elements of the claims, such as metadata, parsing of strings, and iterated search, were well known at the time of the invention. In particular, Rofrano, Us 6,324,536, is directed to a system in which data including metadata is gathered, and user can then use it to search for catalog products [COL 3 lines 38-40; COL 4 lines 18-30]. However, Rofrano does not provide for an initial search on the basis of a search term within a search system in which metadata parsed from the search result is used as a seed for a subsequent search operation.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Wayne Amsbury whose telephone number is 571-272-4015. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 6-18:30 FIRST WEEK.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Safet Metjahic can be reached on 571-272-4023. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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